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least the external layer is formed from a composition comprising as a polymer matrix a polyamide composition comprising:

- (i) a polyamide thermoplastic copolymer obtained by copolymerization of ε-caprolactam with at least one of the monomers comprising:
- an amino acid comprising at least 9 carbon atoms, or a corresponding lactam, or
- a mixture of hexamethylenediamine with a diacid comprising at least 9 carbon atoms,

the ratio by weight between the ε-caprolactam and the total amount of hexamethylenediamine and diacid and/or said amino acid or the corresponding lactam being between 4 and 9, or

(ii) a mixture of at least said thermoplastic polyamide copolymer (i) and at least one second thermoplastic polyamide or copolyamide obtained by polymerization of monomers comprising fewer than 9 carbon atoms, the content by weight of the second polymer or copolymer in the polymer matrix being between 0 and 80% by weight.

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